THE THIRD DAY.

15th February 1911.

SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, the 15th February.

Dewan.—Gentlemen, with reference to the representations made yesterday by the Christian Members of the Assembly, about the questions of inheritance and succession among their community, His Highness the Maha Raja has been pleased to direct that a Committee be appointed to enquire into those questions, and to report whether any legislation is necessary, and, if so, on what lines it should be.

The consideration of the General Subjects was then resumed.

(2). *Criminal Justice.*

ishment of a Class Magis- s Court at Mu- uzha or in- g the local Ma- te with First powers.

Mr. Kanakku Narayanan Sankaran (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) requested that a First Class Magistrate's Court might be established at Muvattupuzha, or that, if that was not practicable, the local Magistrate might be invested with First Class powers.

Dewan's reply.—A Notification has already been issued investing the Taluk Magistrate, Muvattupuzha, with First Class powers.

sfer of the cri- l jurisdiction the Poonjar e from Peer- to Meenachil.

Mr. K. P. Narayana Pillai (Member, Nominated) said that it was a great hardship to the people of Poonjar that the criminal jurisdiction over the village, which had been vested in the Meenachil Taluk Magistrate ever since 992 M. E., had been now transferred to Peermade. An exemption was made in the case of the Teekoy Estate alone, to suit the convenience of the Planters. Poonjar was mostly a hilly tract, and the inhabited portions of the village were from 8 to 12 miles from Meenachil and about 40 miles from Peermade. Besides, the want of proper roads and the danger from wild beasts added greatly to the difficulty of travelling to Peermade. It required seven days for the redress of a grievance which could be obtained from Meenachil in a single day, and whenever an appeal had to be made to the District Magistrate, a journey of 145 miles to Devikulam, through dense forests, had to be undertaken at very great expense.

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